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SUBJ: THREE MINISTERS, 37 OTHERS ARRESTED AT MEMORIAL SERVICE

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SUMMARY: THREE MINISTERS AND 37 OTHER PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED  
AUGUST 14 AT MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LAST YEAR'S RIOT VICTIMS.  
MINISTERS FACE JAIL SENTENCE IF CONVICTED. END SUMMARY

1. METHODIST MINISTER WESLEY MABUZA; REV. SANUEL HLAPEHZULU,  
MINISTER OF AN INDEPENDENT AFRICAN CHURCH AND CATHOLIC PRIEST  
RICHARD O'RIORDON WERE ARRESTED BY RIOT POLICE ALONG WITH  
37 OTHERS FOLLOWING A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR VICTIMS OF LAST  
YEAR'S RIOTS AT FATHER O'RIORDON'S CHURCH IN GUGULETU  
TOWNSHIP AUGUST 14. INITIAL PRESS REPORTS THAT  
O'RIORDON WAS ARRESTED AT FUNERAL OF DECEASED DETAINEE  
(REFTEL) WERE IN ERROR.

2. ALL FORTY WERE CHARGED WITH ATTENDING AN ILLEGAL  
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GATHERING UNDER TERMS OF THE RIOTOUS ASSEMBLIES ACT.  
THREE MINISTERS ALSO CHARGED WITH CONVENING SUCH A  
MEETING. PENALTY ON FIRST CHARGE IS A FINE BUT CONVICTION  
ON SECOND CHARGE LIKELY TO RESULT, ACCORDING TO  
ATTORNEYS, IN PRISON SENTENCE OF UP TO ONE YEAR.

3. ALL OF THE ACCUSED WERE RELEASED ON R50 (R1.00 -

\$1.15) IN HEARING AT WYNBERG COURT AUGUST 17. CASE  
REMANDED TO SEPTEMBER 7. REV. MABUZA TOLD POLCONS AND  
CONGENOFFS THAT WHEN CROWD LEFT CHURCH TO GO TO NEARBY  
CEMETERY WHERE MOST RIOT VICTIMS BURIED POLICE VANS WERE  
LINED UP. AT CEMETERY POLICE ISSUED LARGLY UNINTELLIGBLE  
ORDERS THROUGH LOUDSPEAKERS. ASSUMING IT WAS ORDER TO  
DISPERSE, CROWD BEGAN TO MOVE AWAY, SINGING  
HYMNS. AT CEMETERY ENTRANCE, THE FORTY, WHO WERE LAST  
TO LEAVE, WERE ARRESTED. MABUZA SAID AT POLICE STATION,  
MALES WERE GROUPED TOGETHER IN OUTSIDE COURTYARD WATCHED  
BY ARMED POLICE AND DOGS. WHEN THEY KNELT TO PRAY,  
THEY WERE ORDERED BY POLICE CAPTAIN TO DESIST. MABUZA  
SAID THAT IN REPLY TO HIS PROTEST, POLICEMAN REPLIED  
THAT THEY COULD PRAY IN CHURCHES BUT PRAYING OUTDOORS  
WAS PROHIBITED. MABUZA COMMENTED THAT HE WAS ASTOUNDED  
BY POLICE ATTITUDES WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS ONE OF  
"NAKED HATRED." SEVERAL ATTORNEYS ACTIVE IN CIVIL  
RIGHTS CASES HAVE TOLD US THEY HAVE DETESTED "HARDEN-  
ING" OF ATTITUDES TOWARD THEM AND THEIR CLIENTS ON  
PART OF MAGISTRATES, PROSECUTORS, AND OTHER COURT  
PERSONNEL IN RECENT MONTHS. WHITE

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